REMARKS

The reference character 34 in Fig. one has now been identified with the opposite rim seat side of the rim from rim seat side identified as character 32. This will be described in the Specification Amendments to follow.

The reference character 40 was used for several different embodiments of the ring. We have changed the embodiment of Fig. 4 to become ring 40a and the embodiment of Fig. 5 to become ring 40b. This will also be changed in the specification by the Specification Amendment to follow.

New Fig. 6 has been added to show an embodiment of a ring 40c having two ridges, and Fig. 7 has been added to show an embodiment of a ring 40d having three ridges. This should show a proper understanding of the claimed invention. This new drawing sheet has been identified as an "Additional Sheet". These new figures will also be described in the amended specification by the Specification Amendments to follow.

If the changes to these drawings are not accepted by the Examiner, please notify Michelin so that a further submission can be made and the correct Specification Amendments can be filed when the issue fees are paid

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